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SUBJECT: Reported JDL Intention to Drop Leaflets on Soviet Fishing Fl[eet]

1. Department has received a number of confidential FBI reports as well as press reports emanating from JDL that it plans to dispatch an airplane or airplanes to harass and/or drop leaflets on Soviet fishing fleet now off New Jersey/Virginia coasts.

2. On February 11, UPI was informed that plane had taken off to accomplish this mission and was given identification numbers of aircraft. However, when FAA representatives approached aircraft on its return to home base at Farmingdale, Long Island, they found only two pilots who stated that they had just flown to Block Island and back. Check of gas tanks and air control center at Block Island confirmed that plane had followed this route which was in opposite direction from Soviet fishing fleet. FBI

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investigators have informed FAA that pilots, one of whom is owner of aircraft in question, appear to be respected members their local communities.

3. Department had approached FAA upon learning of JDL plan and was assured FAA will seek within bounds of law to discourage aircraft rental firms from renting planes to JDL for this purpose. Department also working on legal measures which would subject to FAA disciplinary action any pilots undertaking actions against foreign ships off U.S. coast.

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